

**MOTION TO
OFFICIALLY RECEIVE THE SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING ALLIANCE REPORT, INCLUDING ITS
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; ENDORSE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS BUSINESS
PLAN; AND, SUPPORT A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT AMONG ALLIANCE DEPARTMENTS**

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The County of Los Angeles Special Needs Housing Alliance (Alliance) was created by the New Directions Task Force (NDTF) on June 10, 2001. The purpose of the Alliance is to provide an on-going forum for County departments, service providers, housing agencies, developers, and other stakeholders to coordinate resources and implement projects that continue addressing the unique housing and service needs of specific special needs populations in the County. Additionally, the Alliance will provide opportunities to develop and implement collaborative legislative and funding recommendations for increasing the availability of geographically dispersed, service-enriched housing in partnership with community-based organizations and non-profit entities.

In the context of the work of the Alliance, Special needs populations are defined as: individuals with mental health issues; victims of domestic violence; persons living with HIV/AIDS; youth emancipating or emancipated from the dependency and delinquency systems; teen mothers; the frail elderly; and the developmentally disabled.

The Alliance adopted a Work Plan consisting of a series of specific work products, the majority of which have been accomplished to date, including a report entitled, *Housing, Supportive Services and Funding Available for Special Needs Populations in Los Angeles County*; and the development of a Collaborative Agreement and Business Plan.

The Collaborative Agreement defines the responsibilities of the departments/agencies comprising the Alliance. The Business Plan outlines Alliance Work Plan accomplishments, addresses outstanding Work Plan issues, and serves as a vehicle for transitioning the Alliance from its planning phase to a project-oriented implementation phase. This transition includes a series of organizational refinements for facilitating collaboration among County departments, including shifting the Alliance chairmanship to the Chief administrative Office (CAO).

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE NEW DIRECTIONS TASK FORCE (NDTF):

1. Officially receive the report entitled, *Housing, Supportive Services and Funding Available for Special Needs Populations in Los Angeles County*, including its findings and recommendations.
2. Endorse the Alliance Business Plan and its implementation, including: transitioning from a planning phase to a project-oriented, implementation phase; realizing a series of proposed organizational refinements for facilitating collaboration among County departments; and, shifting chairmanship of the Alliance to the Chief administrative Office (CAO).
3. Endorse and support the terms of the Alliance Collaborative Agreement, by: providing necessary resources; retaining implementation oversight and scheduling periodic progress reports; continuing executive leadership involvement; ensuring the active participation of appropriate department/agency staff in implementation activities; and, working collaboratively with lead agencies/entities to successfully implement and evaluate the impact of said recommendations.